



# ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

*"Walking Alaska's Toughest Beat"*

January 25, 2023

Senator Jesse Kiehl  
State Capitol  
120 4th Street, Room 514  
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: Correctional Officers Letter of Support for SB 12

Senator Kiehl,

The Alaska Correctional Officers Association represents 940 Correctional Officers in the State of Alaska. Just like all other Alaska Public Safety Officers, Correctional Officers put their lives on the line every day.

Senate Bill 12 provides confidentiality for Correctional Officers who risk harassment and retaliation by offenders and inmates who too often channel their anger at those charged with their care and security. SB 12 targets those situations most likely to result in the unnecessary release of personal addresses and telephone numbers to the public, thereby reducing the chance that such personally identifiable information will fall into the hands of those seeking to harm our hard-working Correctional Officers and their loved ones.

SB 12 requires that personal addresses and telephone numbers of Correctional Officers cannot be placed in court files and shared openly, unless the court determines that the information is necessary and relevant to the case. Additionally, when personal information is ordered to be placed in court documentation, SB 12 requires this information to be redacted from all documents before it is publicly released.

Correctional Officers should not have to worry that someone with bad intentions might show up on their doorstep threatening harm to the Officer or their family every time they are required to share their physical address on documentation that could be publicly accessed.

Additionally, SB 12 requires Correctional Officers be provided with a post office box as a substitute mailing address. Providing Correctional Officers with a substitute mailing address gives them a way to avoid sharing their physical address and increases their peace of mind as they protect the public.

The Alaska Correctional Officers Association fully supports the passage of SB 12. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Randy McLellan

President, Alaska Correctional Officers Association

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February 8, 2023

The Honorable Senator Kiehl  
Alaska Senate

Dear Senator Kiehl:

On behalf of the Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA), I am writing to convey our support of SB12, "An Act relating to confidentiality of information; relating to the duties of the Department of Administration; creating an address confidentiality program; and providing for an effective date."

We support the confidentiality program to protect survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence as well as to protect peace officers and correctional officers and their families. This bill will help to ensure the privacy of the addresses of peace officers and make it harder for those individuals wishing to target or inflict harm on them.

Please contact the APOA office in Anchorage at 907-277-0515 if there is anything our organization can do to help with the passage of this bill. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our state.

Sincerely,

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State President  
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*About APOA*

*The Alaska Peace Officers Association (APOA) is a dynamic, professional and non-partisan organization. Our membership consists of law enforcement, corrections, prosecutors, security professionals and others at the local, state and federal levels. APOA has served as a voice for peace officers and issues impacting the law enforcement profession for over half a century. We are one of the oldest and largest 501c(3) charitable, nonprofit organizations in Alaska. [www.apoaonline.org](http://www.apoaonline.org)*

March 8, 2023

Dear Senator Kiehl,

Thank you for sponsoring this important piece of legislation and thank you for the opportunity to comment in favor of an Alaska Address Confidentiality Program.


Prior to working at STAR, I was a Victim Advocate with a Prosecuting Attorney's Office in Washington State. Washington's Address Confidentiality Program was an essential tool used by Victim Advocates to assist someone with high lethality risk to be safer. Combined with comprehensive safety planning and an emergency relocation plan, and done in a very particular order, the Address Confidentiality Program was a lifesaver for more than a few of my clients.

While the program was accessible and easy to use, I did not see the program being used in inappropriate ways, and never heard of it being a burden on State Administrators. Address Confidentiality Programs are currently available in up to forty states nationwide, at no cost to enrollees, which is an important consideration for those sometimes fleeing abuse with little access to funds. I recall there were avenues to accessing the Washington program without the necessity of a current civil protective order being in place, so I do advocate for additional paths being available for those who feel endangered by seeking such orders - such as criminal no contact orders, current criminal charges, criminal history and/or supporting letters from Crime Victim Advocates.

I also know law enforcement officers and District Attorneys who use public and private names and put their owned real and personal property in a spouse or family member's name to protect their addresses, so I can appreciate the reason for the inclusion of public servants serving in law enforcement as well.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify and comment in support of SB 12. Thank you for all your work to increase safety for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Sincerely,



Keeley Olson,  
Executive Director

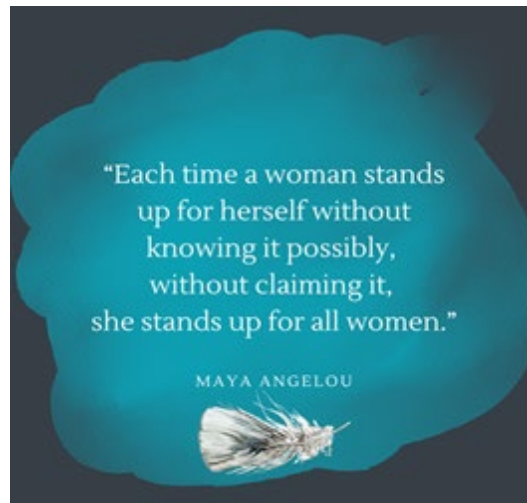
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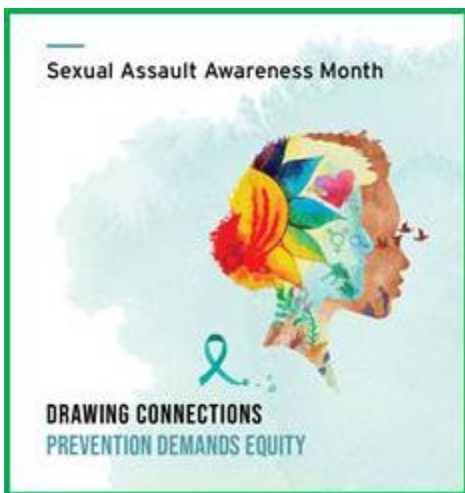
Dear Senator Kiehl,  
Just a short note to thank you for your Floor vote to support SB 12-Address Confidentiality Program. We at the Arctic Women in Crisis appreciate your recognition of this important protection for victims of sexual assault, stalking.

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Maya Angelou: Legendary writer and poet. Activist, actress, icon. Recipient of 50+ honorary degrees, 3 Grammys, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, and an endless series of literary awards. Inaugural poet. The first Black woman to be depicted on a U.S. quarter. The sexual abuse she experienced during her early childhood led to years of mutism. Her voice did not just return—it erupted. If you've been a victim of sexual assault, it is NOT your fault. You are not alone. Help is available 24/7 through the National Sexual Assault Hotline: 800.656.HOPE and [online.rainn.org](https://online.rainn.org), y en español: [rainn.org/es](https://rainn.org/es)  
<https://strongheartshelpline.org/>



The theme of Sexual Assault Awareness Month 2023 is **“Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity.”** This April's campaign calls on all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change ourselves and the systems surrounding us to [build racial equity](#) and respect.

**Please Remember Mahsa Amini !**

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Good afternoon Senator Kiehl,

Thank you very much for sponsoring Senate Bill 12. On behalf of the community we serve, we are thrilled that the Alaska Senate unanimously passed Senate Bill 12. It's so important to protect survivors of domestic sexual assault and domestic violence and keep their personal information especially their address confidential from public records. When a perpetrator of domestic violence or sexual assault has access to a victim's address, they may harass and stalk the victim. In addition to a safety plan, the address confidentiality program is an essential safeguard that can reduce these attempts at coercive control and increase safety for the victims of such abuse.

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Senator Kiehl,

I just wanted to send you a note thanking you for your vote to support SB 12 – Address Confidentiality Program. We at The LeeShore Center appreciate your recognition of this important protection for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking. Have a wonderful day!

Cheri Smith

Executive Director

The LeeShore Center

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Senator Kiehl,

Thank you so much for bringing forward the issue of address confidentiality for victims of sexual assault, stalking, and domestic violence.

HOPE is so appreciative of your efforts to keep victims safe!

Respectfully,

**Tiffany Mills**  
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Dear Senator Kiehl,

Just a short note to thank you for your Floor vote to support SB 12-Address Confidentiality Program. We at South Peninsula Haven House appreciate your recognition of this important protection for victims of sexual assault and stalking.

Ronnie Leach

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May 1, 2024

Representative Sarah Vance  
Chair, House Judiciary Committee  
Alaska State Legislature  
Alaska State Capitol  
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Vance and House Judiciary Committee Members,

We are writing today to express our support for Senate Bill 12: Address Confidentiality Program (ACP). For survivors who are in danger, an address confidentiality program could be lifesaving. Leaving an abuser is often the most dangerous time for a survivor of domestic violence. This bill would allow Alaska to adopt an ACP which would protect their location from their abuser and will allow victims freedom and safety, and the existence of such a program may play a role in empowering a survivor to leave their abuser in the first place.

The program would allow victims to withhold their actual home addresses from public documents, such as driver's licenses, court documents, voter registration, and more. Instead of listing their personal address, participants in the program list a substitute address. Mail is sent to the substitute address, which is received by state-employed staff of the Address Confidentiality Program, who forward the mail to the participant's actual address. In this way, there is a slight delay in mail delivery time for program participants, but can be a potentially life-saving part of safety planning for survivors who are especially at risk. Twenty-four other states have already passed similar legislation.

This program would significantly change the way we safety plan in our state and would allow for more enhanced safety options for survivors. This is an important step we need to take for victims of violence, especially as we are a state with such high rates of violence, such as domestic violence and sexual assault, it is essential that we use all the tools at our disposal to keep survivors safe and address this issue.

Just one life lost to domestic violence is too many. For survivors who are in danger, an address confidentiality program could be life-saving. Please support SB12 and encourage you to take action to pass this bill before this session ends.

Gunalchéesh/Háw'aa/Quyana/Mahsi' Choo/Baasee'/Maasee'/Dogedinh/Thank you,

Tamra Truett Jerue  
Executive Director  
Alaska Native Women's Resource Center



Cc:

Rep. Jamie Allard

Rep. Ben Carpenter

Rep. Craig Johnson

Rep. Jesse Sumner

Rep. Andrew Gray

Rep. Cliff Groh